CHAPTER 1002

PHYSICAL THERAPY S.F. 455

AN ACT relating to physical therapy by providing that physical therapy evaluation and treatment may be rendered without a prescription or referral and specifying limitations on the practice of physical therapy.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

Section 1. Section 148A.1, Code Supplement 1987, is amended to read as follows: 148A.1 DEFINITION.

As used in this chapter, physical therapy is that branch of science that deals with the evaluation and treatment of human capabilities and impairments. Physical therapy uses the effective properties of physical agents including, but not limited to, mechanical devices, heat, cold, air, light, water, electricity, and sound, and therapeutic exercises, and rehabilitative procedures to prevent, correct, minimize, or alleviate a physical impairment. Physical therapy includes the interpretation of performances, tests, and measurements, the establishment and modification of physical therapy programs, treatment planning, consultative services, instructions to the patients, and the administration and supervision attendant to physical therapy facilities. Physical therapy evaluation of biomechanics and treatment may be rendered by a physical therapit with or without a prescription or referral from a physician or dentist. Physical therapy treatment shall be rendered by a physical therapist only under prescription or referral from a physician, podiatrist, or dentist, or referral from a chiropractor, except that a hospital may require that physical therapy evaluation and treatment provided in the hospital shall be done only upon prior review by and authorization of a member of the hospital's medical staff.

Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. 148A.5 LIMITATIONS.

A license to practice physical therapy does not authorize the licensee to practice operative surgery or osteopathic or chiropractic manipulation, or to administer or prescribe any drug or medicine included in materia medica.

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CHAPTER 1003

SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS S.F. 2037

AN ACT relating to certain scholarship and grant programs administered by the college aid commission, including the requirements for receipt of a state scholarship and the repeal of the supplemental grant program, and providing appropriations and an effective date for the repeal.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

Section 1. Section 261.2, subsection 4, Code 1987, is amended to read as follows:

4. Prepare and administer a state plan for a state supported and administered scholarship program. Said The state plan shall provide for scholarships based on ability and need to deserving students of Iowa, matriculating in Iowa universities, colleges, area vocational schools, area community colleges, or schools of professional nursing. Eligibility of a student for receipt of